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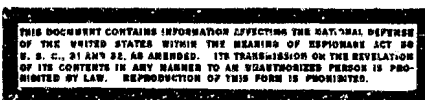
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STUDENTS ENROLL FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The new school year has begun in higher educational institutions of the USSR. The first year courses of institutes and universities have enrolled 197,000 new students, including over 20,000 boys and girls who have finished secondary schools with gold and silver medals. The total number of students in Soviet higher educational institutions during 1949 - 1950 will be 750,000.

In addition to existing institutions, many new ones have been opened. On the RSFSR territory alone, 31 teachers' institutes have been established, which will train teachers for incomplete secondary schools. Teachers' institutes have been opened in many oblast and rayon centers of Union republics. The teachers' institute in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk is the first higher education institution in that distant region. The first rural teachers' institute was opened in Mayragutovo village, Duvynskiy Rayon, Bashkir ASSR.

Students of the Academy of the Maritime Fleet in Leningrad are seamen, engineers, and economists with complete secondary education, who wish to gain advanced knowledge. Upon completion of a 2-year course they will occupy leading positions in maritime transport.

New faculties and departments have been opened in many higher educational institutions. Physical education faculties were added to the Tashkent, Izhevsk, Krasnodar, and Kirov pedagogical institutes. The Georgian Polytechnical Institute imeni S. M. Kirov has a new metallurgical faculty.

The Leningrad Pedagogical Institute imeni Gertsen and the Abakan Teachers' Institute in Khakass Autonomous Oblast have organized special departments to train teachers for the national schools in regions of the Far North and the Tuva Autonomous Oblast.

The universities of Tbilisi, Yerevan, Vil'nyus, and Tashkent have opened departments of journalism.

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